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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 9, 2002, using marked-up versions of the Specification and the Claims and also clean copies of such, Applicants amend as follows:

**In the Title** (Marked-Up Version)

METHOD FOR EXAMINING [DISEASE] THE INVOLVEMENT OF OPIOID  
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